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SUBJECT: BRIDGE DAMAGED IN QUANG TIN

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL DANANG OCTOBER 26,
1973 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L DANANG 1183

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1. A BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY ONE IN LY TIN DISTRICT, QUANG TIN,
APPROXIMATELY 7 KILOMETERS NORTH OF CHU LAI (BS430109) WAS
DAMAGED BY AN EXPLOSION AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 A.M. OCTOBER 26,
INTERRUPTING TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY ONE. DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT
70 PERCENT. EXPLOSION OCCURRED NEAR THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE
BRIDGE.

2. COL DAO MONG XUAN, QUANG TIN PROVINCE CHIEF, TOLD CONGEN
REPRESENTATIVES AT 10:00 A.M. OCTOBER 26 THAT HE EXPECTED THE
BRIDGE WOULD BE REPAIRED WITHIN 18 HOURS. AT APPROXIMATELY
4:00 P.M., HOWEVER, WHEN CONGEN REPS OBSERVED THE BRIDGE BY
HELICOPTER, VERY LITTLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD RE-
PAIRING IT. SEVERAL TRUCKS WITH GRAVEL, APPARENTLY TO REPAIR
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THE BRIDGE APPROACHES, WERE AT THE DAMAGED SPAN, BUT THERE

WAS NO SIGN OF A BAILEY BRIDGE AT THE SITE. THE BRIDGE APPEARS SEVERLY DAMAGED AND THE PROVINCE CHIEF'S ESTIMATE OF REPAIR TIME MAY BE OPTIMISTIC.

3. COL. XUAN PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHAT TYPE OF CHARGE BLEW THE BRIDGE, OR HOW IT WAS PLACED. HE SAID THE EXPLOSION MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A FLOATING MINE, BUT COMMENTED THAT A SECTION OF FENCE HAD BEEN CUT IN THE AREA NEAR THE BRIDGE. XUAN CLAIMED TO HAVE INTELLIGENCE THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE PLANNING WHAT HE CALLED A "COORDINATED ATTACK" IN THAN BINH DISTRICT EITHER THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 26 OR 27. HE SPECULATED THAT THEY HAD BLOWN THE BRIDGE TO PREVENT ARVN 2ND DIVISION ELEMENTS IN QUANG NGAI FROM REINFORCING HIS TERRITORIALS IN THANG BINH.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM XUAN'S SPECULATION CONCERNING THE INTENTION BEHIND THE BRIDGE EXPLOSION. END COMMENT.
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